



**COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTERS
OF PINELLAS, INC.**

August 31, 2018

Daisy Rodriguez, Director
Pinellas County Human Services
2189 Cleveland Street, Suite 230
Clearwater, FL 33765

Dear Ms. Rodriguez,

Community Health Centers of Pinellas, Inc. (CHCP) is requesting that the Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners include \$578,419.00 in their 2018/2019 County Budget for year two of the local match for the 2018 Medicaid Low Income Pool (LIP) Program. On September 26, 2017, the Board of County Commissioners approved and funded the initial local match funding to AHCA on behalf of CHCP for the implementation of various healthcare projects. CHCP would like to continue to provide these services, as outlined in the current agreement with the Pinellas County Government, for the upcoming year.

CHCP has been able to expand medical and dental services for Pinellas County residents in accordance with the original proposal. To date, in its first eight months, the program has enabled Pinellas County residents to receive over 1,000 medical and dental visits, as well as have access to a variety of enabling services. The implemented project brought care to an area of high need (Lealman) and is proving to be a community success. CHCP has demonstrated the success of this partnership through standardized reports provided to the Human Services Department.

The LIP funding is dedicated to expanding services rendered to the uninsured in Florida. In 2017, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) extended the State of Florida 1115 Waiver, which provides this funding to FQHC's, for five years.

Please view this letter as CHCP's modification of our original official request from July 18, 2018. In August 2018, Agency for Health Care Administration (AHCA) changed the LIP funding distribution model for Federally Qualified Health Centers. This change led to the increase in local IGT requirement for CHCP to \$578,419 from the original amount of \$476,072 in local match funding for year two to participate in the 2018-2019 LIP program. The proposed 1115 Waiver is a five-year program and CHCP is looking forward to continued support and funding of the local match for the duration of the waiver program.

Sincerely,


Elodie Dorso, CEO

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